



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, Colonel Bryan Tuma of the Nebraska State Patrol, and Chief Bruce Lang, Beatrice Police Department/SEADE Drug Task Force head announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Than Van Pham was sentenced on November 5, 2010, by the Honorable Lyle E. Strom, Senior United States District Judge, to serve 144 months in prison following his conviction for conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine and to 120 months for being a felon in possession of ammunition. The sentences are to be served concurrently with each other. The conviction is the result of a joint investigation by the SEADE (Southeast Area Drug Enforcement) drug task force and the Nebraska State Patrol. The SEADE drug task force covers Otoe, Richardson, Pawnee, Johnson and Gage Counties in Nebraska.

Name of Defendant: Than Van Pham

AKA: "T"; "Grandpa"

Age: 41

City of Residence: Tecumseh, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty):

Count I - Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine, imprisonment of 10 years to life, a fine of \$4,000,000, both such fine and imprisonment, a term of supervised release of at least 5 years, and a \$100 special assessment.

Count II - Felon in possession of ammunition, imprisonment of not more than 10 years, a fine of \$250,000, both such fine and imprisonment, a term of supervised release of at least 3 years, and a \$100 special assessment

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Johnson, Gage and Lancaster Counties in Nebraska and

Marshall County in Kansas.

Location of Arrest: 302 Martha Street, Barneston, NE

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: No.

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Beginning from an unknown date but at least as early as on or about October, 2006, and continuing through on or about July 3, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: 10/26/09

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: 10/21/09

Initial Appearance Date: 10/26/09

Plea Date(s): 3/31/10

Sentencing Date: 11/5/10

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F.A. Gossett III

Held without Bond: Yes.

In Continuous Custody Since: 10/26/09

Assigned District Court Judge: Lyle E. Strom

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